

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. (Twice Amended) A container for holding fishing lures, each ~~said~~ lure having a neck, a lower-wire-segment, and an upper-wire-segment, said container comprising:

a bottom;

a continuous sidewall around the perimeter of said bottom;

~~at least one channel~~ a retainer comprising two parallel vertical members connected to said bottom, said retainer further comprising two barriers, each said barrier extending perpendicularly from a respective vertical member, said barriers being connected to said bottom to there-between define a channel for holding a lower segment of a lure along said bottom; and ~~barriers;~~

~~a first at least one catch in at least one of said vertical members for compressing an upper segment of the lure toward a lower segment of the lure to hold the lure stationary in the channel. above said bottom in each of said channels; and~~

~~a second catch spaced vertically from said first catch and positioned above said bottom in each of said channels;~~

~~whereby when said fishing lure is placed within said channel with said lower wire segment adjacent to said bottom, and said upper wire segment is placed within said catch, said upper wire segment is compressed toward said lower wire segment, and said fishing lure is held in place.~~

7. (Amended) A container for holding fishing lures, ~~each said lure having~~
that have a neck, a lower wire lure segment, and an upper wire lure segment, said
container comprising:

a bottom;

a continuous sidewall around the perimeter of said bottom;

~~a slot vertically oriented on said sidewall;~~

an insert positioned within said continuous sidewall, said insert having
comprising a rectangular floor and with a first and second short side, an end wall
perpendicular to said floor at said first short side, a rail on the outside of said end
wall, said rail adapted to slide vertically into said slot such that said floor remains
parallel with said bottom, a plurality of barriers forming a row of channels
running parallel to said end wall, and catch disposed above said bottom in each of
said channels at least one retainer comprising two parallel vertical members
connected to said floor,

said retainer further comprising two barriers, each said barrier extending
perpendicularly from a respective vertical member, said barriers being connected
to said floor to there-between define a channel for holding a lower segment of a
lure along said floor; and

at least one catch in at least one of said vertical members for compressing
an upper lure segment toward a lower lure segment to hold the lure stationary in
the channel.

~~whereby when said rail is inserted into said slot said floor is flush with~~
~~said bottom, said insert is held in place, and when said fishing lure is placed~~
~~within one of said channels with said lower wire segment against said floor, said~~
~~upper wire segment is compressed toward said lower wire segment, and said~~
~~upper wire segment is placed within said catch, the compression of said upper~~
~~wire segment is maintained and said fishing lure is held in place.~~

10. (Amended) A bait clip for holding individual spinner baits that have a neck, a lower ~~wire~~ segment, and an upper ~~wire~~ segment, said bait clip comprising:

a single piece body formed of a substantially flat strip of material, said strip having a curved neck rest at a first end, said neck rest shaped to cradle said the neck of a lure, a strip, said strip having two ends, extending from said neck rest perpendicular to said lower wire segment, toward said upper wire segment; and a catch, said catch positioned at said a second end of said strip opposite said neck rest, forming a C shape for compressing an upper lure segment toward a lower lure segment;

whereby when said the neck of a lure is placed in said neck rest, and said an upper wire lure segment is ~~compressed and~~ placed within said catch, the lure is compressed ~~compression of said upper wire segment is maintained and said spinner bait is and held in place within said single piece body.~~

12. (Amended) ~~A buzz bait insert for holding fishing lures, said fishing lures having a wire, said insert comprising:~~ A container for holding fishing lures, comprising:

a bottom;

a continuous sidewall around the perimeter of said bottom;

an insert positioned within said continuous sidewall, said insert comprising a rectangular floor having a first and second short side and a plurality of pairs of buzz clips attached to said floor, each of said pairs of buzz clips oriented aligned to open and close in a around a common line axis and encompass a segment of a lure placed inside said buzz clips along said axis; and open along said line

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whereby when said ~~a wire~~ lure segment is ~~pressed into~~ placed inside one of said pairs of buzz clips, ~~said the lure segment wire~~ is free to rotate about said ~~line~~ axis, but is retained within ~~in~~ said pair of buzz clips.

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